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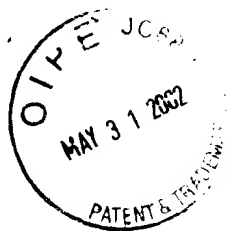
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In response to the May 15, 2002, Office Action please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24, page 2 with the following paragraph.

21 An object of the present invention is to provide a solid phase microextraction (SPME) device using aerogel and xerogel materials coated on a support structure, such as a stainless steel or Kovar® wire or glass fiber. It is further an object to provide a device that can be manufactured easily and quickly absorb or adsorb sample fluids – i.e., gases and liquids. Another object is to provide a sample collection medium using aerogel and/or xerogel materials to absorb either a wide range of analytes or selectively